

REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT AGAINST

PROPOSITION 76

~~Proposition 76~~

~~"The Live Within Our Means Act"~~

~~Pro Rebuttal Argument~~

Opponents of Prop. 76 – The Live Within Our Means Act – have a solution to California's budget crisis:

Spend wildly, incur huge debt and raise taxes to cover the deficits!

That's how California ended up \$22 billion in debt. California doesn't have a revenue problem – it has a spending problem. We need **Prop. 76 to fix our broken budget system.**

Don't be misled by outrageous claims that Prop. 76 will gut education spending or harm police and fire protection.

Education funding increased by a record \$3 billion this year and now accounts for more than 50% of our general fund spending! Prop. 76 upholds existing state law that mandates education is the state's #1 funding priority.

Prop. 76 will protect dedicated funds for highway and road construction.

"Prop. 76 will permanently protect law enforcement special funds so politicians cannot cut police and emergency services."

David W. Paulson, Solano County District Attorney

Proposition 76 is real reform to ensure our state lives by the basic rule California families live by: Don't spend more money than you bring in:

- **Controls state budget growth** by limiting annual state spending increases to average growth in revenue for the past 3 fiscal years.
- **Stops auto-pilot spending** that threatens our economic health.
- **Establishes "checks and balances"** for budget decisions. If the Legislature doesn't cut wasteful spending when revenues drop, the Governor can – a similar provision to what previous California governors had for decades.

"YES on 76" -- Balance the Budget Responsibly.

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